

FACT SHEET



Sentinel Wood Treating Site 12th Avenue Solvents Site

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 is requesting public comment on the following:

- # Prospective Purchaser Agreement
- # Sentinel Wood Treating site Removal Action
- # 12th Avenue Solvents site Removal Action

The Sentinel Wood Treating site is an inactive wood treating facility. Electric motors were manufactured and assembled at the 12th Avenue Solvents site. Both sites are in Ava, Missouri.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER AGREEMENT

EPA, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the city of Ava have signed a Prospective Purchaser Agreement or PPA.

The city of Ava is purchasing land directly north of the Sentinel Wood Treating site. This is part of the city's economic redevelopment plan.

The city plans on constructing a road to connect a nearby state highway with the city's industrial park, and add a parking lot.

PPAs are agreements between EPA and prospective purchasers of properties that are or may be contaminated. The PPAs contain covenants not to sue and release purchasers from liability for past contamination.

The covenants not to sue are intended to encourage safe reuse or redevelopment of contaminated property that may have substantial benefits for the community.

Under this agreement, the city of Ava would

- # be required to sample, if necessary,
- # properly dispose of contaminated materials,
- # avoid construction activities on certain areas of the site,
- # implement institutional controls,
- # grant access to the property to EPA and MDNR.

SELECTED REMOVAL ACTIONS

Sentinel Wood Treating Site. The removal action at this site calls for Sentinel Industries, Inc. to activate the on-site ground water

diversion system, secure the site, and identify any additional wood treating contamination sources.

12th Avenue Solvents Site. The removal action at this site calls for Emerson Electric Co. to protect the drinking water supply by securing the area around Municipal Well #4, taking actions to address affected water from two discharge points, and taking any additional actions, if appropriate.

EPA and MDNR are overseeing all of the work being done under the PPA and the Removal Actions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EPA encourages the community to review and comment on the PPA for the Sentinel Wood Treating site and EPA's selected Removal Actions for the Sentinel Wood Treating site and the 12th Avenue Solvents site.

The December 3, 2001 Federal Register announcing the PPA 30-day comment period can be viewed on EPA's web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>

The Removal Actions for the Sentinel Wood Treating site and the 12th Avenue Solvents site can be found in the Administrative Records. An Administrative Record is the official record for the a site and contains site reports and activities.

EPA will prepare a written response to significant comments submitted during the public comment periods for the PPA and the Removal Actions. The written responses will be published in responsiveness summaries and will be available at the location listed below.

You can review the PPA and the Removal Actions during normal business hours at the following location:

**Douglas County Public Library
301 S.W. 3rd Avenue
Ava, Missouri**

Questions about the sites or this fact sheet should be directed to:

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

Prospective Purchaser Agreement:

Sentinel Wood Treating Site

30-day comment period

opened: **December 3, 2001**

closes: **January 2, 2002**

Removal Action Selections:

Sentinel Wood Treating Site

12th Avenue Solvents Site

60-day comment period

opened: **November 14, 2001**

closes: **January 14, 2002**

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